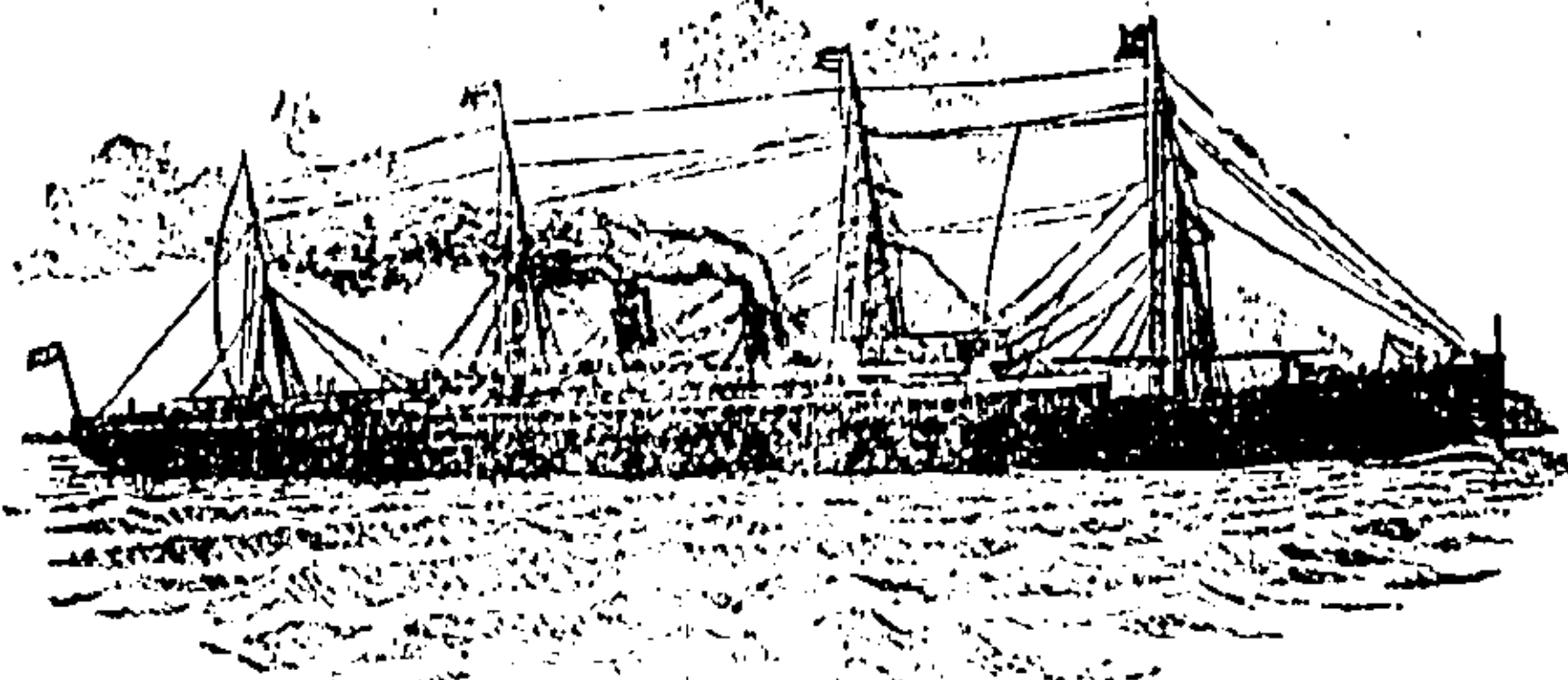


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BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	17th March.	Freight.
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ABESSINIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	5th April.	Freight.
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Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (NOON) to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th February to the 5th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1904.

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HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this Date, they can obtain SCRIP CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES OF THE NEW ISSUE IN EXCHANGE FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK RECEIPTS on Application at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stonecutters Island (East Battery) in a South-Westerly direction at Ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards, on the 26th February, 1904, and from Lyemun Sub-District (Redoubt and Pak-sha-wan Batteries) in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at Ranges from 600 to 4,500 yards on the 29th instant.

If the Weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, Practice will take place on the 1st March.

Practice will commence at 9 A.M. on the 26th instant, and end at 11 A.M. daily, if the Range is clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

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SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1903.

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THE CENSORING OF FOREIGN PRESS TELEGRAMS.

COMMENT BY THE "JUI."

We are glad to find the *Jui* protesting against the method of censorship of Press telegrams which, it is hardly necessary to state, still continues unabated. Our contemporary condemns the method by which the newspaper censorship is conducted, and rightly maintains that journalists are quite capable of doing their duty to the newspapers for which they are correspondents and at the same time refraining from sending news which would be likely to injure the welfare of the State. Journalists have no cause to complain of the orders issued by the Army and Navy authorities, but in the execution of the censorship the officials charged with the work of scrutinising newspaper messages are subordinates, who may make serious blunders and do great injustice to correspondents. The *Jui* hopes that the authorities will direct their attention to the manner in which Press messages are subjected to undue restriction, and points out while mistakes of the officials in regard to the Japanese messages may be made good afterwards, in dealing with telegrams sent by foreigners the matter cannot be passed over in silence.

The Department of Communications strictly examines all telegrams sent by foreigners, and messages referring to war affairs and even those dealing only with ordinary politics, which are allowed to be published in Japanese newspapers without restriction, are in the case of foreigners stopped altogether or mutilated, causing increasing complaints among foreign correspondents.

The complaints of foreigners, says the *Jui*, may be exaggerated, but if there be any truth whatever in them, it reflects disadvantageously on the authorities, and it is impossible to understand the motive of such action, seeing that similar news is published in vernacular and foreign papers in Japan. Of course war secrets should not be made known either to foreigners or Japanese, but what makes it necessary to specially hide from foreigners abroad what can be made public in Japan? By doing so nothing can be gained, and the feeling of foreigners is aroused against the country making such absurd regulations. Those who are chiefly subject to disability through the censorship are the correspondents of foreign newspapers, and there can be no doubt that this disability will have its effect on the tone of foreign correspondence sent abroad. At the present juncture it may be absolutely necessary to place restrictions on all newspaper reports at home and abroad, but it is a serious matter for anybody to interfere with the freedom of communication, and it is to be hoped that as far as practicable a liberal policy will be adopted by the authorities in exercising control over the correspondence of foreigners, and that they will refrain from taking such action as is likely to provide foreigners with a legitimate grievance.

It is to be hoped that this protest by one of the leading Japanese newspapers will have weight with the authorities for it is our experience that, as now exercised, the censorship is absurd in the highest degree.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

AUTOCRACY IN CHAINS.

POWERLESSNESS OF THE CZAR.

(By Stuart Cumberland in the "Daily Express.")

I, who know my Russia well and the powers that be in that Empire, am amused at the reports of the powers and intentions of the present Autocrat of All the Russias which are often published. The simple fact is that no Muscovite Emperor ever possessed less actual power than that wielded by his Imperial Majesty Nicholas II. He is a peacefully inclined young monarch and remarkably well intentioned; but he is the sport of the House of Romanoff and of those who are all-powerful in the councils of the Empire. He may think and he may dream; he may desire and he may propose; but he cannot perform. Correctly speaking, it is the Emperor alone who can declare war or who can say "Let it be peace"; but to tell the plain, unvarnished truth, the present Czar is but the puppet, worked by stronger hands who hold the strings. Everything will be done in the name of the Czar. The glory or the blame of it all will be his, and yet how small will be his personal responsibility, and how well he knows it!

The Czarina's instincts are liberal and progressive, and her husband, so great is his belief in her, would endorse her views and policy unhesitatingly were it not for those august relations of his, and the formidable Council of Nobles. The Czarina, all-powerful with her husband, proposes, and the Czar's uncle disposes.

Of all the Romanoff relations the most autocratic, and at the same time the most powerful, is the Grand Duke Alexis. He is beloved by the navy, of which he is the chief, looked up to by the nobles, and worshipped by the common people. His brother, the late Czar, alone was strong enough to soften his rough humour and bend his powerful will.

He was antagonistic to the liberal and pacific policy of M. Witte, and in the end M. Witte was retired. He it was who induced the Czar to appoint Admiral Alexeeff Viceroy of the Far East, with powers never before given to anyone outside of the Imperial family.

He entirely disapproves of the views held by the Czarina, and thwarts her in every possible way. He has never, it is understood, been in favour of peace but of war.

However well intentioned the Czar may be, however much he may be under the influence of his wife, who is all for peace, the last word will be with the Grand Duke Alexis.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	1904
<i>Shawmut</i>	9,566	W. M. Smith	Feb. 19
<i>Tacoma</i>	2,812	M. Ridley	Feb. 26
<i>Victoria</i>	3,502	J. Truebridge	Mar. 16
<i>Tremont</i>	9,566	T. W. Garlick	Mar. 25
<i>Olympia</i>	2,837	A. Dixon	April 27

Steamers marked (*) have no second-class passenger accommodation. The attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this line to the Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern Cities of the United States and to Europe. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services. Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada. For further Information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents. Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [12]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX; ALSO

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 23rd February, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "YARRA," Captain Seller, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo will leave this Port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON only on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on TUESDAY.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required. For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [9]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship "CHUSAN," Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying H.M. Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

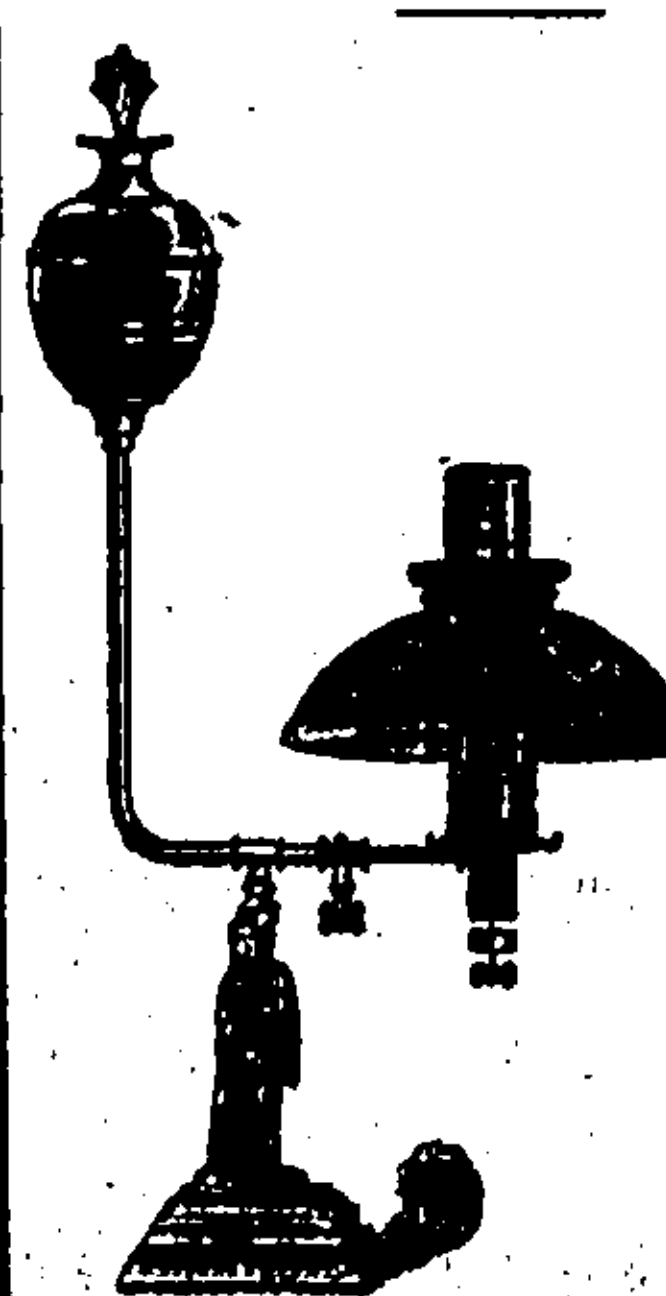
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading. For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [4]

For Sale.



TAI KWONG CO., 36, Lyndhurst Terrace. Hongkong, 17th November, 1903. [3]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., ex S.S. *Australia*. From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Pera*. From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N., and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M., TO-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [4]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJIL.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [12]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at NOON, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1904. [26]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"ROON," of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 29th instant, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [1]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after NOON, TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [26]

To be Let.

TO LET.

TWO ROOMS suitable for OFFICE use, Entrance from Ice House Street. Apply to—

SECRETARY, MASONIC HALL. Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [25]

TO LET.

NO. 6, BARROW TERRACE, KOWLOON. Available 1st March. Apply to—

THE SAM WANG CO., LD. Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [218]

TO LET.

GOOD FOR EUROPEAN OFFICES. NOS. 38, 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floors, above Messrs. Levy Hermanos. Possession at the end of March, 1904. A Lift is to be constructed there. Apply to—

KIN ON, Agent. No. 50, D'Agular Street. Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [19]

Intimations.

JACK E. ELLIS,

SOLE AGENT FOR

E. M. RICHFORD'S RUBBER STAMPS, Patent Elastic "Cushion" Stamp for Uneven Surfaces, E.M.R. Peerless Fountain Pens, Stencils, Embossing Presses, Self-Inking Stamp Presses, Cyclostyle, Typograph and Compo-Lithograph Copying Apparatuses, Superior Solid Rubber Type Outfit, Patent "Dove-Tail" Metal Bodied Rubber Faced Type, &c., &c., &c.

Full Particulars on application to 8, PEDDER'S HILL. Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [254]

THE ROBINSON PIANO CO. LTD. HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

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W. STUART HARRISON, A.M. INST. C.E., Manager. Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [6]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS OF THE ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones. Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery. Materials can be supplied, if required.

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AT REASONABLE PRICES. Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [E]

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THE PUBLIC are hereby informed that no change has been made in the Rates of Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and they are warned against paying more than TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy. THE MANAGER, *Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.* Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

Intimation.

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CABLE ADDRESS:—*Telegraph*, Hongkong

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1904.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1904.

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TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
A. 1 Code.
Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 231.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

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NOTICE.
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the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be
addressed to The Editor, 1, Lee Hoeg Road, and
should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and
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five cents.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE new Franco-Siamese Treaty was signed
in Paris on the 13th inst.

THE Hector Macdonald memorial fund has
now reached £1,500. It is expected that it
will reach £2,000.

ADMIRAL Maréchal, formerly in command of
the French fleet in the Far East, died at Paris
on the 13th inst.

THE third plague case this year is reported
from Aberdeen Street, where an infected body
was found dumped opposite No. 57.

OFFICIAL reports show that the cost of the
Siberian-Manchurian railway was \$84,500,000,
of which the Czar contributed £35,000,000.

THE municipal authorities of London propose
the vigorous suppression of Sunday street auc-
tions of fruit and old clothes in the East end.

SERVA has bought in France 60,000 overcoats
and 20,000 cartridges in Belgium and Austria,
and negotiating for 30 or 40 batteries of quick-
firing guns.

THE New South Wales Commercial Agent in
the East intimates that samples of all grades of
compressed fodder, with quotations, are desired
by the Japanese Government.

BULGARIA has ordered 50,000 Mannlicher rifles,
40,000,000 cartridges, 150,000 overcoats, 100,000
high boots, and 150,000 sandals. Roumania
has ordered 45,000 Mannlicher.

OFFICIAL returns for the week ending February
13th show three cases of communicable disease
in the Colony; two of plague, Chinese (fatal),
and one enteric, Japanese (non-fatal).

FRANCE has no line of communication to Lake
Tchad, except by a waterless desert, and it is
likely that Britain will assign France a large
area in exchange for advantages elsewhere.

A CRICKET match in the League will be played
on Saturday next commencing at 2 p.m. be-
tween the Royal Engineers and the Craigen-
gower Cricket Club on the ground of the
former.

THE following will play for the Craigen-
gower team: R. Bala, A. O. Brown, E. R. Heiton, J.
Crain, L. A. Rose, J. D. Kinnaird, M. E. Asger,
R. Pestonji, J. P. Jordan, E. S. Ford and J.
Stuart.

In an "extra" issued to-day by our local ver-
nacular contemporary, the *Chung Kwok Po*, it
is stated that, in mandarin circles in Canton,
the rumour was current yesterday that the Viceroy
had received a telegram from Peking announc-
ing that the Dowager Empress is dead. No
confirmation of the report is, however, obtain-
able.

Mr. E. Trelawny, the superintendent of the P.
and O. Company in Australia, confirms the
statement that the P. and O. Company will not
tender for the Australian mail contracts under
the existing conditions. Until the Commom-
wealth sees its way to negotiate in a reasonable
way no tenders, says Mr. Trelawny, will be
received from the P. and O. Company.

FOR the purposes of awakening the Chinese
residents of Australia up to the importance of
the principles of reform, the Sydney branch of
the Chinese reform party have cabled an invita-
tion to Kang-yu-Wei, to go across and lecture
on the subject which incurred the displeasure
of the Empress-Dowager, and impelled her to
offer a reward of £20,000 for the head of the
reform leader.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and
officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry
will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow
(Saturday) evening from 8 to 9.30.

BAND PROGRAMME.

March "The Rifle Regiment" Sousa
Overture "Medusa" Stanislav Elliot
Selection "Gypsy Songs" And. by Godfrey
Song "The Song you sang to me" Molloy
Selection "The Messenger Boy" Ivan Caryll
Valse "Rose" Margis
Serenade "Love in Idleness" Macbeth
God save the King.

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TURF TOPICS.

Jockeys from Shanghai are now busily en-
gaged trying their mounts, and although the
work of selection, with animals of nearly equal
qualifications to choose from, is rendered some-
what difficult there can be no doubt that some
of the Northern ponies bid fair to make a good
showing next week. The "jocks" have ex-
pressed their appreciation of the improvement
in the vicinity of the Grand Stand, and are
enthusiastic in their praises of the delightful
sociability displayed on the course during the
early morning training. At the Northern port
where the course is centrally situated rarely is
it that more than three or four ladies are seen
watching the gallops, while at Hongkong the
fair sex are keen spectators morning after
morning. Yesterday no less than 16 were
counted, and to-morrow being the last day of
training should establish a record in numbers.
Few ponies galloped to-day, and all the test
went for quarters.

Fair Trade— $\frac{1}{2}$ mile—last 4, 35, 1.07.
Rare Rose— $\frac{1}{4}$ mile—39, 1.13 1/5, 1.47.
2.21 2/5, 2.55 3/5, 3.47.
Rebel King— $\frac{1}{2}$ mile—49, 1.15, 1.49 2/5, 2.24,
2.59 3/5, 3.33 3/5.
Runaway Girl— $\frac{1}{4}$ mile—39, 56 4/5.
Farewell— $\frac{1}{4}$ mile—29, 1.09, 1.30.

EARLY BIRD.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was
held this afternoon in the Council Chamber.
Present:—His Excellency the Officer Adminis-
tering the Government, F. H. May, C.M.G., Hon.
A. M. Thomson, (Acting Colonial Secretary),
Hon. Sir Henry Spencer Berkeley, Kt.
(Attorney-General), Hon. L. A. M. Johnston
(Acting Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Basil
Taylor, R.N. (Acting Harbour Master), Hon. W.
Chatham, (Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir
C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.,
Hon. Wei Yuk, Hon. H. E. Pollock, R.C.,
Hon. C. W. Dickson and Mr. R. F. Johnston
(Acting Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the
table Financial Minutes (Nos. 8 to 12) and
moved that they be referred to the Finance
Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded and
the motion was agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved the
adoption of the report of the Finance Com-
mittee.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Carried.

GOVERNOR'S SALARY: INCREASE.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid before
the Council the following despatch from the
Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

Hongkong.
No. 436.

Downing Street,
8th December, 1903.
Sir,—I have recently had under my consid-
eration the question of the amount of salary paid
to the Governors of first class Crown Colonies,
and I have come to the conclusion that the
emoluments received by the Governors of Cey-
lon, the Straits Settlements and Hongkong are
not sufficient to allow of their supporting the
dignity of their position, as it should be sup-
ported, without supplementing their official
salary from private income.

2. I am sure that your Legislative Council
will see the matter in the same light, and I
have therefore to request that you will invite
the Council to vote an increase to the Governor's
salary, from the 1st January, 1904, from five
thousand pounds to six thousand pounds a year
of which sum one thousand two hundred pounds
should be regarded as an entertainment allow-
ance to be drawn in full by the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government in the Governor's
absence on full or half pay leave.—I have, &c.,
ALFRED LYTTELTON.

The Officer Administering the Government of
Hongkong.

MARINE LOT NO. 184.—MESSRS. STEPHENS
AND HOWARD'S PETITION.
The Acting Colonial Secretary laid before the
Council the following communication:—
Hongkong.
No. 380.

Downing Street,
21st October, 1903.
Sir,—With reference to my despatch No. 262
of the 16th of July last, relative to a petition
presented to His Majesty the King by Messrs.
Stephens and Howard, I have the honour to
forward copy of a letter dated 5th September
addressed by them to the Secretary of State for
the Home Department.

2. As you have already been informed, His
Majesty was not pleased to give any directions
with regard to the petition, and Messrs. Steph-
ens and Howard were so informed.

3. Mr. Howard has, however, since on two
occasions in a personal interview with the
Legal Assistant Under Secretary to this
Department represented that great injustice
has been done to him by the entire inadequacy
of the sum awarded to his firm and has con-
tended that they were entitled to rely on the
promise of Sir G. Des Vaux in his message to
the Legislative Council of the 22nd of March,
1889, that the fullest justice would be done in
respect of private rights, a promise which Mr.
Howard alleges has not in this case been ful-
filled.

4. On consideration of the petition and of
your despatch No. 59 of the 15th of March,
1899, I am not entirely satisfied that the com-
pensation awarded to Messrs. Stephens and
Howard may not have been inadequate, but it
is obvious that such a question can only be
decided in the light of local knowledge and ex-
perience.

5. I therefore request, that you will be good
enough to investigate the whole matter afresh.

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and, if you are of opinion that substantial
justice demands it, to ask the Legislative
Council to vote an additional sum to the
Petitioners, to be paid to them merely as a
matter of grace but not of right.—I have, &c.,
ALFRED LYTTELTON.

Governor

Sir H. A. Blake, C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

In connection with the above the following
financial minute was subsequently considered
by the Finance Committee and recommended
to the Council for approval:—

The Officer Administering the Government
recommends the Council to vote a sum of
\$18,223.21 for additional compensation to
Messrs. Stephens and Howard in respect of
damage sustained owing to the reclamation in
front of Marine Lot No. 184.

This amount has been calculated as follows:—
Depreciation "as in Musso's case" 5 cents
per square foot for area (M. L. 184) 32,481
square feet.

Damage on 1st September, 1898 ... \$24,367.50

Interest thereon from 1st September,
1898, to 28th February, 1904 ... 9,381.46

Total ... \$33,748.96

Deduct amount paid on
29th August, 1903 ... \$15,525.75

and
Interest thereon up to
28th February, 1904 ... 525.75

Total now payable, ... \$18,223.21

OPUM IN PILLS, ETC.

The Attorney General moved the first
reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to
amend the Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, and
the motion was carried.

The objects and reasons are given as
follows:—

The object of this Ordinance is to check and
ultimately prevent the sale of opium in the
Colony by unauthorised persons. The expres-
sions "Prepared Opium" and "Preparation"
as at present defined in the Prepared Opium
Ordinance, 1891, have been found insufficient
to prevent the sale of opium in the shape of
"pills" and "wine" by unauthorised persons.
The result has been that while the Opium
Farmer has sustained considerable loss from
illicit sales of opium in the above men-
tioned shape the illicit sellers have been
acquitted when prosecuted owing to the diffi-
culty of proving that opium pills and wine
come within the definition necessary to se-
cure a conviction under the Prepared Opium
Ordinance as it stands. While affording the
Opium Farmer legitimate protection, provision
is made to exempt from the operation of the
Amending Ordinance opium when prescribed
or sold in recognised medicinal forms or in
European or American patent medicines.

IMBECILE PERSONS AND HONGKONG.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill
entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Re-
covery of Charges incurred by the Colony on
account of certain imbecile persons introduced
into the Colony.

The Bill having passed through the Com-
mittee stage the Attorney General moved the
third reading.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
The Hon. Pollock—I regret to say I must
vote against the third reading of this Bill for
the reason which I gave at the last meeting of
the Council, viz., that I do not think it fair or
just to shipowners that, if a person has been
embarked on board a ship as a passenger, who
is, to all outward appearances, sane—I do not
think it is fair that the owner, charterer or
agent or other persons mentioned in this Bill,
should be subjected to any charge for the ex-
penses of the keeping in this Colony or the re-
patriation of such person. For this reason I
feel bound to vote against the third reading of
this Bill.

The proposition was put to the Council, and
carried with only one dissent—Mr. Pollock.
The Bill was then read a third time and
passed.

JURY LISTS.

The Council then considered the Jury lists
in camera.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was
held immediately after the Council, Hon. A. M.
Thomson, Acting Colonial Secretary, presiding.
The following votes in addition to that men-
tioned above were submitted and the Com-
mittee agreed to recommend that they be
adopted by the Council:—

THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

A sum of \$9,000 in aid of the vote public
works, annually recurrent, to meet the balance
of the cost of the work of constructing new
wards for the Government Civil Hospital.

THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

A sum of \$12,000 in aid of the vote "Governor"
under personal emoluments for an increase to
the Governor's salary, from the 1st January,
1904.

GRATUITY.

A sum of \$350 as a gratuity to Miss Clara
Watson, lately nursing sister at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital, invalided from the Service.

PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.

A sum of \$1,360 in aid of the vote Public
Works Department under Personal Emu-
ments:—

1 foreman (from January to December
at \$30 per month) ... 360
1 foreman (from January to June at \$35
per month and from July to Decem-
ber at \$40 per month) ... 450
1 foreman (from February to December
at \$50 per month) ... 550

Total ... \$1,360

FOOTBALL.

SHIELD TIE.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley
the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S.
Orestes. Kick-off at quarter past four.
The following will play for the Club:—F. H. Kew,
goal; H. C. Austen and E. F. Ancott, backs;
H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Kew,
halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R.
Hampock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby,
forwards.

THE WAR.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

RUSSIAN WAR NEWS.
Mr. M. Noma, Consul-General in Japan, has
courteously communicated the following
official telegram received by him from Baron
Komura:—

Tokio, 18th February, 3.50 p.m.

The *Times* correspondent in Peking reports
that Admiral Alexieff telegraphed on the
14th inst. that the battleships *Tsarevitch*,
Retvian, *Petropavlovsk* and *Sevastopol*; the
cruisers *Novik*, *Pallada* and *Askold* have
been disabled.

RUSSIAN MENDACITY.

CHEAP VICTORIES.

A party of Japanese was driven from the
railway near Chinchow. The Russians ad-
mit of 70 killed on land and state that 150
Japanese were taken prisoners. The Rus-
sians have in all eleven ships out of action
and declare that fifteen Japanese men-of-war
have been disabled. They acknowledge
that the protected cruiser *Borjatin* has been
slightly damaged, and state that a Japanese
surveying party that landed in Pigeon Bay
has been destroyed.

JAPAN DENIES RUSSIAN
STATEMENTS.

LOGICALLY INCORRECT.

The Japanese Government states that the
above information is untrue since no attempt
has been made to land troops near the rail-
way, hence it is impossible that prisoners
have been taken. The statement to the
effect that some of the Japanese ships have
been disabled is also false, as none of them
have suffered.

THE S.S. "NAMSANG" CHARTERED.

We understand that the Government has
chartered the Indo-China Steam Navigation
Co.'s s.s. *Namsang*, in connection with the
transport service.

ITEMS FROM HANOI.

The following items, which reached us
from a private source, were wired to this
Colony from Hanoi to-day: The damage
done to Port Arthur by the bombardment
on the 9th inst. was slight. The Japanese
had three ships very badly damaged.

M. Harmand, Minister for France at
Tokio, has taken charge of Russian interests
in Japan.

The Russian ships damaged at Port
Arthur have been repaired.

The rumours concerning the landing of a
Japanese force east of Port Arthur is inexact,
and no attempt has been made on the
railway.

The cable from Port Arthur to Chefoo
was cut on the 18th instant.

The *Passat* has arrived at Shanghai with
the Russian Legation Staff from Seoul and
part of the crews of the *Varyag* and *Koriets*.

An attack was made by the Japanese on
Port Arthur on the 14th without any appre-
ciable result.

The mobilisation of the Russian Army is
proceeding satisfactorily.

FAREWELL CONCERT AND
PRESENTATION.

A very successful concert was given at the
Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Arsenal Street,
last night, under the presidency of Mr. J. J.
Bullin. There was a large gathering of service
men and a fair sprinkling of civilians. In this
pleasant way good-bye was said to the men
going home by H.M.S. *King Alfred* to-morrow.
At the conclusion of the concert the Chaplain
took the chair, and in a few words spoke of
the good work Warrant Officer, Mr. Frank Groves,
has done for the men in the Home and on the
ships. Mrs. F. A. Brown, in the name of the
friends, presented Mr. Groves with a set of
the works of Dr. J. R. Miller in token of respect
and good wishes, and Mrs. Bullin presented a
gold brooch for Mrs. Groves, who is in England.

ADVICES from the Tibetan Expedition state
that an additional reason why the supply ques-
tion is the most difficult one that the mission
has to face is that the country beyond Lhari
produces little but coarse barley and yak meat.
The latter, the escort sepoy's won't eat for
religious reasons. Fodder also is scarce, but
the Tuna force are fully supplied for over a
month. Eight inches of snow is in the Jelapa
pass. A slight fall has occurred at Tanga.

The appearance of ekkas in Phari plain has
excited the astonishment of the inhabitants
who have never seen wheeled vehicles. Half
a company of Madras Sappers arrive at
Chumbi via Yaka. Later news mentions that
heavy snow fell on the Jelapa on the 30th
ultimo and more threatens. Ekkas have been
found so useful on the Tibetan tableland that
an officer has been deputed to the Punjab to
purchase more. A tri-weekly post has now been
established to Tuna escorted by Mountain In-
fantry. The Europeans with the Mission have
found it impossible to live in the dirty Tuna
houses and have moved into tents in spite of the
bitter cold winds which sweep the plateau.

There are, it is certain, Tibetans who have a
quantity of gunpowder which is manufactured
locally. The Tibetan Army is encamped at
Gura on the slope of a hill not visible from
Tanga. No further communication has passed
between the Tibetans and the mission.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
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E L E G R A M S .

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

THE WAR.

TO WATCH THE "MANDJOUR."

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, 10th February,
6.15 p.m.

The Japanese cruiser *Akitushima*
arrived at Woosung to-day. It is
presumed she is waiting for the
Mandjour to leave.

[The *Akitushima* is a protected cruiser of
3,150 tons, with a speed of 19 knots, and carries
10 guns.—ED., H.K.T.]

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

Russian Finance.

LONDON, 16th February.
The Russian Government has issued fifty million roubles in credit notes.

The Russian War Ships en Route to the Far East.

The Russian warships *Oslabya*, *Aurora*, *Dimitri Donski*, and a number of torpedo-boat destroyers have been ordered to remain at Jibuti until further orders.

The War.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that there is a large movement of Japanese troops covered by cruisers proceeding to the Gulf of Liaotung with the object of cutting off the Manchurian railway near Port Arthur.

Great Britain and Russia.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that General Ivanoff, the Governor of Turkestan, has been instructed to prepare for possible military action in the direction of India in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude openly hostile to Russia or attempting any enterprise in Persia or Tibet prejudicial to Russian interests.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.

Following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fifth ordinary meeting to be held at the company's offices on Thursday, the 10th March, 11.30 a.m.:

The directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the company's accounts made up to 31st December last.

1902.
The balance at credit of working account as per last report was, \$262,897.67
Add premium received 460.61
Deduct claims paid in 1902 \$13,075.97
" return premia, &c. 7,413.43
50,489.40
Balance of profit \$212,868.88

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—

Dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share on 20,000 shares \$140,000.00
Bonus to contributors of premia 100.25
Addition to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$23,075.56 as shown in the annexed balance sheet \$2,915.14
Transfer to investment fluctuation account, to meet difference between cost and market value of investments on 31st Dec, 1903 15,000.00
Write off on sale of rural building lots Nos. 42 and 84 1,068.49
Bonus to office staff 3,785.00
\$212,868.88

1903.—The balance at credit of working account at the close of this year was \$329,047.48, shewing a gain of \$66,149.81 over the previous 12 months, which must be considered satisfactory.

DIRECTORS.

Messrs. D. M. Moles, G. Balloch, R. Shewan and C. Michelau resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Messrs. E. Shellim, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tones and A. Haupt were invited to fill the vacancies on the Board. These appointments will require the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. A. G. Wood and E. Shellim retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the annexed accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

E. GOETZ,
Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1903.

Capital Account.....\$400,000.00
Reserve Fund.....1,000,000.00
Extra Reserve Fund.....125,655.56
Investment Fluctuation Account.....2,561.75
Account Payable:—
Dividend for 1902 \$14,000.00
Bonus for 1902 and
Sundries.....20,175.64
160,175.64

Working Account, 1903:—
Balance at Credit.....329,047.48
\$2,017,460.43

As etc.

Cash at Bankers.....\$3,398.53
Fixed Deposits at Banks:—
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corp.....\$140,000.00
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & C.....65,000.00
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.....50,000.00
255,000.00

Investments:—
Chinese Imp. Govt. E. Bonds.....\$85,565.69
Hk. & K'lo-n Wh. & Godown Co., Ltd. Debentures.....103,152.50
Hongkong Club Debentures.....43,400.00
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd. Debentures.....50,000.00
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd. Debentures.....49,877.40
Shai Waterworks Co., Ltd. Debentures.....8,472.42
Shares in Public Companies.....132,840.00
473,307.81

Loans on Mortgage:—
On Properties in Hongkong.....1,86,300.00
Furniture Account:—
Office Furniture &c.....617.00
Accounts Receivable:—
Premium due from Agencies, Interest due on Deposits and Investments &c.....69,237.19
\$2,017,460.43

WORKING ACCOUNT,

1st January to 31st December, 1903.

Dr.
To Charges Account:—
Rent, Salaries, Legal and Surveyors' Fees, Stationery, &c. \$33,539.57
Directors' and Auditors' Fees.....7,400.00
40,939.57
To Commission Account:—
Agents' Commissions.....39,110.60
To Fire Brigades Account:—
Contributions at Agencies, &c. 17.48
To Losses Account, 1903:—
Claims paid after deduction of Re-insurance.....46,273.35
To Amount written off:—
Furniture Account.....70.00
To Balance.....319,947.48
\$446,458.68

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By Premium Account:—
Premiums received after deduction of re-insurances.....\$326,636.62
By Interest Account:—
Amount at credit, including interest due on deposits and investments, &c. 119,646.77
By Transfer Fee Account:—
Amount at credit.....175.29
\$446,458.68

Geo. L. TOMLIN,
Secretary.

We have examined the above statement with the books and securities at the head office, and have found the same to be correct. The London Agency Accounts have been included up to 30th September last.

W. HUTTON POTTS, } Auditors.
A. R. LOWE, C. A. }

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

HONGKONG BREWERY CO., LTD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—In your report of the statutory meeting of the Hongkong Brewery Co., Ltd., held on the 15th inst., the Chairman, Mr. Muerer, is stated to have said:—

"At the side of and higher up than the level of our property is a dam or reservoir, from which the Company is entitled to draw as much water as it precisely the same suitable quantity as to which I have already referred, through a two-inch pipe," &c., &c.

It is possible that the general public on reading the above may be led to suppose that the water referred to is supplied from our reservoir in the premises of the Brewery Coy. This is not so. We have entered into no agreement with the Brewery Coy. for the supply of any water from our reservoir and we have no intention of doing so.—Yours &c.,

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

General Agents,
Taikoo Sugar Refining Co.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1904.

THE CHANCES OF THE BEAR.

SOME DEFECTS OF RUSSIAN CHARACTER WHICH MAKE FOR DEFEAT.

BY A FRIEND OF RUSSIA.

If war begins in the Far East there is one element that is not contained in any of the text-books on the subject of the military and naval strength of Russia and Japan, though one of the most potent in determining victory or defeat. It is the temperament and character of the respective nations.

The history of the South African war shows how the characteristic over-confidence of the British character was responsible for the loss of half the money expended and two thirds of the lives sacrificed. What effect will the Russian temperament and character have on the issue about to be decided in the Far East?

On looking backwards through the pages of history for 200 years it is a remarkable fact that Russia has never been successful in waging war with any white race since Peter the Great defeated the Swedes in the battle of Poltava in 1709. This being so, the question arises whether the military and naval capacity of the Japanese is to be estimated by the standard of white men, or whether they are to be regarded as Asiatics, such as those whom the Russians have repeatedly defeated during their march across Asia in the course of the last 150 years.

EVIDENCE OF PEKING.

The answer of this question is supplied by the evidence of British officers present during the advance of various detachments of allied troops to Peking. The evidence is complete that the Japanese were inferior to no nation in courage, discipline and ability, and they were superior to all, except the Sikh detachment of the British, in the temperance of their habits and the excellence of their conduct.

It may, therefore, be taken for granted that Japan is to be reckoned with on the European, not on the Asiatic, standard, and that if the adage as to history repeating itself holds good the Russians are about to undergo a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Japanese which will make them the laughing-stock, not only of the civilised world, but of the Asiatic empire to which they have set their hands.

If Russia were defeated by Japan, Siberia would set up a cry for home rule. Revolution would break out in the valleys of the Volga, the Dnieper, and the Bug, and the Romanoff dynasty would stand in imminent peril.

The battle of Poltava is the solitary victory carrying with it political territorial aggrandisement that can be credited to the Russian army during two centuries.

The Russian navy is almost without a history. Russia in 1796 was unsuccessful in her war with Persia. She was defeated by France at Austerlitz; she was beaten by the Turks in 1809, and vanquished at Smolensko and Borodino by the French.

In the Hungarian war Russian assistance was given to Austrian rule, and the Hungarians were defeated by Russia when in alliance with another white Power. The Russians were beaten in 1855 in the Crimea. The war with

Turkey was ludicrously unsuccessful, for the Russians lost 80,435 men and spent £120,000,000 sterling on an enterprise which brought them next to nothing.

RUSSIA'S FAILURE IN WAR.

What is the reason of Russia's palpable failure in war and brilliant success in diplomacy? First of all Russia is worm-eaten with corruption. So far as the army is concerned, corruption is not necessarily fatal to victory. Stores that are not up to sample can be utilised at a pinch; half rations can be issued to the soldiers, who, whether paid or not, being under military discipline and at a distance from their country, do not desert if on foreign service.

The corruption of Russians in the department of the navy is, however, a very different story. In the highest quarters the standard of public virtue in Russia is lower than in any country in Europe. Twenty-five years ago the bribery of a Russian Minister was not uncommon.

Russian Ministers are not in society with the exception of the Foreign Minister. Since 1878 the standard of Ministerial conduct has improved. But to-day the Russian high officials expect, and even occasionally ask for, a commission or present in connection with any contract or licence granted by their department.

The half Oriental nature of the Russian is partly displayed by the variety of the devices by which the incomes of the official class are enhanced by the contributions of the governed. The effect of the general official corruption is not visible on the surface. Even the grossest abuse of public trust rarely reaches the newspapers.

The consequence, however, of the corruption so prevalent in the Russian service is a deterioration in the executive strength of the administration, especially in distant parts of the Empire, and it is probable that the comparative failure of Russia in warlike operations during the last 200 years—which is certainly due to no want of courage or of brain power—may be partly attributable to the looseness in financial matters traditional in the Russian services. If this be so in the past, the future antagonist of Russia may fairly reckon on a potent ally in the lapse of Russian officials from the paths of virtue.

DISHONEST OFFICIALS.

Hundreds of cases will assuredly occur on the outbreak of war and the mobilisation of the army and navy, in which the administration will break down solely in consequence of the past dishonesty of the officials. It is not necessary in recognising the prevalence of Russian corruption that Englishmen should pharisaically thank God that they are better than those other men. Pepsy's diary shows that the state of morals of public servants in Russia to-day is identical with that of English officials of the Stuart era.

In addition to corruption there is the national failing of drunkenness. The Russian to-day is as drunk as the English were 100 years ago.

In a naval battle success depends on the efficiency of a chain in which the soundness of every link is equally important. A drunken engineer in the engine-room of a Russian battleship or the incompetence of a petty officer in charge of a turret gun may change the fortunes of a fleet action.

Whatever faults are possessed by the Japanese, few people have ever seen a drunken Jap. The present writer has witnessed forty or fifty men from the Russian royal yacht lying drunk in the streets of Copenhagen. Corruption and inebriety will leave their mark on the outbreak of war with the Japanese.

Lastly, there is the Oriental tendency to delay. Russia is as bad as Spain in this respect. The bureaucratic system exists not for the efficient performance of the public service, but for the advantage of the official. Russia is never ready except in diplomacy.

When Japan cuts the Siberian railway and Port Arthur and Vladivostok are "Ladysmithed," the defects of Russian organisation will be revealed. Separated from their base, essential stores will be lacking. The feeding of even 50,000 troops will be impossible, and even if the single-track Siberian railway were kept open it would be impossible to supply more than 100,000 troops.—*China Gazette*.

COMMERCIAL.

The week's quotations close as follows:—
Banks.....\$635.56 1/2 d. on.
Nation 1 Bank.....\$34 b.
Hongkong Bank.....\$105 b.
China Bank.....\$90 s.
H. C. and M. Steamships \$28 s.
Indo Chinas.....\$83 s.
China Manilas.....\$24 s.
Shells.....\$21 s.
China Sugars.....\$106 b.
Docks.....\$206 s.
Wharves.....\$95 b.
Farnhams.....Tls. 137
Hongkong Lands.....\$149 s.
West Points.....\$54 s.
Hongkong Hotels.....\$116 s.
Green Islands.....\$25 s.
China Borneos.....\$81 s.
Hongkong Ropes.....\$140 {sa, ex div. and s.

RAUB REPORT.

The following is the general manager's report to the chairman and directors of the Raub Australian G. M. Co. for the four weeks ending 30th January:—

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit my monthly report on your mining and milling operations. The accompanying sheets of mine measurements, and assay result of prospecting work, prepared by the mine manager, show a total of 250 ft. for the period (4 wks.) under review, made up of 59 ft. sinking, 45 ft. driving, and 146 ft. crosscutting, as against a total of 203 ft. for the previous four weeks.

MINES.

Bukit Koman.—340 Level South.—This has been driven 12 ft., making a total of 233 ft. The lode is 36 in. wide and assays 3 dwt. but

is showing improvement in width and appearance.

340 Level South, Crosscut to No. 2 Winze.—An additional 18 ft. has brought the total distance to 35 ft.; about 3 ft. more will make the connection.

340 Level North.—Here 18 ft. has been driven, the total now reaching 205 ft. north of the shaft. The lode is 54 in. wide and assays 3 dwt. Though narrowed to this width, it is quite as strong as before.

240 Level North.—This drive has been cleaned out for restarting, and 4 ft. has been driven, bringing the total distance to 561 ft. north of shaft. The end contains a body of mixed slaty matter carrying gold. It is proposed to explore further north on this level to prove the depth of ore shoots from the 140 level.

240 Level North, No. 2 Winze.—This work has been vigorously pushed, and 27 ft. has been sunk, bringing the aggregate depth to 61 ft. Over a face of 41 in., the lode, though very mixed, assays 6 dwt. per ton.

240 Level South, No. 3 Winze.—This has been sunk 20 ft., making a total depth of 52 ft. The striking of water has somewhat retarded the work. The footwall branch, on which this winze is being sunk because of its being softer than the hanging wall, assays 2 dwt. for a width of 50 in.

140 Level North, Drive off No. 0 winze.—This was started during the month to prepare a stoping face, and to leave a substantial pillar for the support of ground immediately West of the shaft on this level; 11 ft. has been driven which suffices for both purposes.

140 Level, cutting for filling stopes.—128 ft. of this work has been done.

140 Level South, Winze from North drive off No. 3 winze.—This has been sunk 12 ft., making a total of 22 ft. The lode, 52 in. wide, assays 12 dwt., and is a good solid body of quartz. Milling stone is being won from the following stopes:—

Above the 340 ft. Level: 2 stopes; lode 76 in. wide and worth 6 dwt.

Above the 240 ft. Level: 3 stopes; lode 64 in. wide and worth 8 dwt.

Above the 200 ft. Level (Intermediate): 3 stopes; lode 77 in. wide and worth 8 dwt.

Above the 140 ft. Level North: 2 stopes; lode 55 in. wide and worth 7 dwt.

Bukit Hitam.—Stopes above the 260 Level, 2; lode 26 in. wide and worth 15 dwt.

General.—All work in the lower level of Bukit Koman has been hindered by the excessive rainfall. This, coupled with the fact that old workings were carried so near to the surface, occasioned a volume of water greater than the combined pumps could contend with, and necessitated the bailing tanks being brought into use, thus causing delay in all work, and preventing any stone from being raised for some days. All work is now, however, again in full swing.

Plant and machinery have stood the unusual call upon them very well. Arrival of the new electric hoist is expected in a few days. The concrete foundations for pumping gear are complete, and such parts of the building as can be erected before the machinery are being proceeded with.

The additional cost for the month is entirely accounted for by excessive consumption of firewood and heavy mechanics' wages for overtime on pumps, &c. Our compensation for this is that we were able to prevent any damage whatever being done to mine or machinery. With only three weeks' milling we earned sufficient revenue to cover everything.

Milling Return for four weeks ending 30th Jan., 1904.

Stamp working: 40.
Period of work: 28 days less lost time 7.31 days (175.44 hours) of which 10 hours 5 min. was due to Sempang.

Ore milled: Koman 2,238 tons.
Hitam 104 tons, total 2,400 tons.

M. II duty: 2.9 tons per stamp per 24 hours.
Amalgam yield: 2,145 oz. giving 60.9 oz. melted gold=28.1%.

Bullion yield: 5.02 dwt. per ton milled=79.3% of contents.

Bullion fineness: 921.35 average.
Mercury loss: 5.75 lb. per 100 tons milled=3.02 oz. per oz. bullion.

Tailings: Assays 1.31 dwt. per ton=20.7% of contents.

Remarks.—Excessive lost time due to short supplies of stone.

Estimated Cost for 4 weeks ending 30th January, 1904.

European Salaries.....\$4,701.72

Wages {Development.....\$1,908.75
Ore Raising.....2,543.35
Surface.....1,822.50

Timber, fuel and charcoal.....9,530.30
Sundries {Petty.....127.47
Royalty.....1,285.00
Stores.....2,840.41

Cost per ton \$4.65=4.16 dwt.
Estimated value of output \$25,740

Expenditure on Capital account:—
Mine development.....128.70
Plant and machinery.....1,266.75
Buildings.....1,124.37
New main shaft.....1,092.06

\$4,411.88

C. G. WARMFOLD LOCK,
General Manager.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.
London—Bank T.T.....1/10 1/10
Do. demand.....1/10 1/10
France—4 months' sight.....1/11 3/16
Germany—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16
America—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16
India T.T.....1/11 3/16
Shanghai—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16
Japan—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16
Singapore—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16
Java—Bank T.T.....1/11 3/16

Buying.
4 months' sight L.C.....1/11 1/11
6 months' sight L.C.....1/11 1/11
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York.....1/11 1/11
4 months' sight do.....1/11 1/11
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne.....1/11 1/11
4 months' sight France.....1/11 1/11
6 months' sight do.....1/11 1/11
4 months' sight Germany.....1/11 1/11
Bar Silver.....1/11 1/11
Bank of England rate.....1/11 1/11

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

Malwa New.....@ 900/900
Do. Old.....@ 900/900
Catha New.....@ 900/900
Catha Old.....@ 900/900
Pereja (Paper).....@ 900/900

Co-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will give Two Performances of THE COMIC OPERA

"HIS EXCELLENCY,"

Written by W. S. GILBERT,

Music composed by Dr. OSWALD CARR,

TO-NIGHT and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 19th FEBRUARY.

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Commencing each Evening at 7 P.M. precisely.

Dress Circle.....\$3

Stalls.....3

Pit Stalls.....2

Pit.....1

NO HALF PRICE.

Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, City Hall.

Booking Office will be opened daily from that date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late Trams will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [172]

THEATRE ROYAL.

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HENRY DALLAS

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The Latest London Success,

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [265]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"HALLOONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Port, on SUNDAY, the 21st instant, at Day

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 21st February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MENEALUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"RHIPUS"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 11th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"TELMACHUS"	On 18th March.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KEEMUN"	On 20th Feb. Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	On 20th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"PAKLING"	On 29th March.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

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MANILA	"CHIHLI"	20th instant.
SHANGHAI	"KALAN"	14th "
MANILA	"KANSU"	14th "
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SHANTUNG"	14th "
TIENTSIN	"CHIHLI"	1st March.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	3rd "

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 20th Feb., at 1 P.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 27th Feb., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Notley		

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
FOR

PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	J. T. Horne	Feb. 24, 1904.
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Mar. 24, "
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Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
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ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week
Days, at 7.30 A.M. on Excursion Sundays,
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2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including
cabin and servant), \$1; Return Ticket, \$5;
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$5. Return
Ticket including Time and Dinner either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays
\$1 extra will be charged for each cabin with
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Street.The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY
SUNDAY. It takes only 3½ hours to reach
Macao.MING ON & CO.,
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STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steamers

"KWONG CHOW" 1,309... J. P. MARTIN.
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Leave Hongkong for Canton at 8.30 Every
Evening (Saturday excepted).Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5 o'clock
Every Evening (Sunday excepted).These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1904.

Shipping—Steamers.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [104]

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

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"PAUL BEAU,"

Captain Frangeul, leaves Hongkong for Canton
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J. LANDOLT, Agent,
THE PHARMACY, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [222]BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR AMOY, SWATOW, STRAITS
AND RANJOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PURNEA,"

Captain Packham, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 20th instant at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [263]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"SAMBIA,"

Captain Luning, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant,
at Noon.For Freight, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [258]

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MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SYDNEY,"

Captain Blanc, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the
24th instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, 17th February, 1904. [9]

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For Freight and further information, apply
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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [1104]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

THE Steamship

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

"GLENGYLE,"

Captain T. Darke, R.N.R., will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 5th March, 1904.For Freight or Passage, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [259]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept First
Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1904. [5]

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THE SHARE MARKET.

LAST DIVIDEND.		TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.		
{ Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8 = \$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903		\$635 sa.
3/6 = \$2 for 1903		\$34 b.
None		\$10
MINE INSURANCES.		
31 per cent = \$32 per share for 1902		\$485 n.
16 % = \$1 for year ended 30.4.1903		\$55
Final of £1 making £2 for 1903		Tls. 67
20 % = \$12 for 1901		\$135
30 % = \$15 per share for 1902		\$175
RE INSURANCES.		
\$22½ per share for 1901		\$305 b.
\$6 per share for 1901		\$91
SHIPPING.		
\$1½ for half-year ending 31.12.1903		\$28 sa.
5 % = 10/- per share for 1902		\$83
10 % = \$5 per share for 1900		\$34
Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903		\$25
\$1.20 = 12 % for year ending 30.6.1903		\$180
60 cts. 30.4.03		\$13½ sa.
Interim of 1/- for 1903		£1 b.
Interim of 2 % for 1903		Tls. 35 b.
Interim of 4 % = Tls. 2.00		Tls. 47½ sa.
Interim of 3½ % = Tls. 1.75		Tls. 45 b.
REFINERIES.		
Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903		\$107 sa.
\$3 per share for 1897		\$10 s.
5 % = Tls. 2½ for year ending 30.9.03		Tls. 50 sa.
MINING.		
None		\$1 s.
Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903		\$600 s.
No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01		\$6
No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03		Tls. 6½ b.
HARVES AND GODDOWNS.		
12 % = \$ 6 for ½ year 30.6.03		\$266 b.
Interim of Tls. 5 for ½-year ending 31.10.1903		Tls. 137
Interim of \$2½ for 1903		\$95 b.
\$2½ for 1902		\$37½ s.
Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903		Tls. 200 b.
HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.		
8 % = 80 cents per share for 1903		\$9 sa.
Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903		\$149 s.
\$2.60 per share for 1903		\$35
Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903		\$146
\$6 for first ½-year 1903		
2½ % for year ending 30.6.03		\$26 sa.
6 % for year ending 31.3.03		Tls. 14
9 per cent. for 1903		\$10.60 sa.
Interim of 6 % for 1903		Tls. 112 sa.
COTTON MILLS.		
{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for } 1902/1903		\$15½ s.
8 % for period ended 31.10.1903		Tls. 31 s.
Interim of 3 % on account of 1898		Tls. 25 b.
Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898		Tls. 32½ sa.
4 % for period ended 31.12.1897		Tls. 170 s.
TOBACCO COMPANIES.		
25 % for year ending 30.6.1900		\$200
First year		\$10 b.
Interim of Tls. 3 per share		Tls. 52 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.		
12 % = \$1.20 per share for 1902		\$85
First year		\$24
Interim of 5 % for 1903		\$141 sa.
\$1 per share for 1902		\$74
90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903		\$2½
45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903		\$7
10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1902		\$145 b.
\$10 for 1903		\$140 sa.
15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1903		\$51
Interim of \$12 making \$16 for 1903		\$230
\$20 for year ending 31.11.1903		\$300
\$14 for year ending 31.7.1903		\$12½ b.
Div. of \$2½ for 1902		\$40 s.
		\$9 s.
90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03 ... {		\$21 b.
\$29.70		
Final of 6 % making 12 % for year		\$15½ b.
None		\$94
\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903		\$94
5th interim dividend of Tls. 7½ paid 15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 for the year ending 31.10.03		Tls. 295 sa.
First year		\$50
First year		\$25

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